



AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Larger citrus crop predicted in 2011

The Riverland is set to benefit from a larger citrus crop in 2011 according to the South Australian Citrus Industry Development Board.

Board chairman Peter Walker said the industry was looking forward to a more "normal" season in 2011, which would enable the industry to ensure reasonable supplies to all markets and improve employment in the region.

The navel crop is estimated to reach 80,000 tonnes in 2011, up from 55,000 tonnes in 2010. Winter navels for 2011 are estimated at 60,000 tonnes, and summer navels at 20,000 tonnes.

"We estimate close to average sizes for most varieties in 2011," Mr Walker said. "This represents a return to more 'normal' conditions such as in 2009, when the navel crop was about 82,000 tonnes."

The Board's estimates committee anticipates one of the biggest mandarin crops in recent years, with 2011 expected to produce 25,000 tonnes up from 19,000 tonnes in 2010.

"Younger trees are coming into production, reflecting a move away from less desirable varieties among growers and increasing consumer demand for mandarins," Mr Walker said.



"The 2011-12 valencia crop is expected to substantially improve this year. Our preliminary estimate is that the crop will be around 50,000 tonnes, up from 24,000 tonnes in 2010. We will have a more accurate closer to the beginning of the valencia season."

Tangelos in 2011 were estimated at 6000 tonnes (up from 3800 in 2010), grapefruit 2000 tonnes (up from 1700) and lemons 6500 (up from 3300).

"This is good news for growers, packing sheds and the whole value chain," Mr Walker said. "South Australian citrus is the best in the world, and a return to normal supply conditions enables us to ensure our brand stays strong in domestic and export markets."

Letters to the editor

Need for urgent action to avert more disasters

Seeing your article on the heavy rain in the Riverland area, I hope you might be willing to publish my letter to the editor.

It seems like everyone is talking about the weather these days. How weird can it get?

First a drought to end all droughts, horrific firestorms in various places and now mega floods along much of Eastern Australia.

Floods and droughts seem contradictory but they are the extremes that climate scientists have been predicting. We Aussies are very tough and we fight these disasters but we have to fight smarter now. Just like fire fighters aim for the base of the flames, we have to aim for the root of our increasing problems.

We have pumped so much carbon into our atmosphere (and

oceans) that it's sitting like a blanket around the planet, changing the temperature and with it, the weather. A recipe for disasters and are they hitting us or what!

A price on carbon is urgently needed to encourage industry to produce less carbon. The money collected can be used to protect low and middle income earners as we follow other countries into the new low carbon economy which is the pathway of the future.

Remember when we set out on the Information Highway? Computers seemed a mystery then but we soon got used to them (pesky things though they can be!) A new carbon economy? We'll be right, as we always are. We'll handle it and just get on with life.

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Grapes rejected by wineries

South Australian wineries refuse to accept Riverland wine grapes, claiming that they haven't got the required level of sugar (baume) as a result of the recent heavy rains. Last week's rain of 30ml, made things worse as most of the local growers were already struggling with rot related diseases.

Speaking to the Greek Tribune, local winegrower, Jack Papageorgiou of Renmark, said that some winemakers are

co-operating with the growers and agreed to accept grapes even though the sugar is half baume less than the required level. In contrast, some of the bigger wineries are playing it tough and refuse to acknowledge the difficult position of the struggling growers.

"What we are asking for, is a little understanding and compromise. If the sugar level is close to the mark and the quality is there, let's get the fruit off

the vines and into the crusher. They won't last much longer and growers have already over-spent on anti-rot chemicals", Mr Papageorgiou said.

Riverland Winegrape Growers Association CEO, Chris Byrne, said that "most growers are right on the edge of survival and recent rains will make things worse. There is a real risk that red grapes will be further damaged with rot before they can be harvested".

Greek Orthodox Community of SA celebrates International Women's Day

Over 170 guests attended a special event to celebrate the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day at Olympic Hall, Franklin Street, Adelaide on Tuesday evening 8th March 2011.

Presented by the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc. (GOCSA), this year's event was once again celebrated with a Women's forum and presentation evening, featuring guest speakers Mrs Loulla Galatis and Dr Maria Palaktsoglou.

Guest speaker, Mrs Loulla Galatis, who recently turned ninety, entertained fellow members of the community with her spirited presentation of her families migrant history and sharing her life of growing up in South Australia in the 1920s as well as her experience as the first woman of Greek Heritage to attend Teachers College in South Australia, as former President of The Greek Women's Society and as the first woman to serve as a General Secretary for the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia.

Dr Maria Palaktsoglou, Lecturer in Modern Greek language and culture at Flinders University spoke of her current work on the history of Greek



From left, Hellas Lucas Chair of Cultural Committee of GOCSA, Eva Drummond, Chrysoulla Heisler and G. Secretary of GOCSA Sylvia Cassoudakis

migration to South Australia during the twentieth century, in particularly the plight of Women migrants to as inferior to men both socially and legally. "Fathers or brothers as well as senior male members of a family were controlling women's fate by arranging their future", said Dr Palaktsoglou.

Master of Ceremonies, Sylvia Cassoudakis, General Secretary and Hellas Lucas Chair of Cultural Committee of GOCSA presented Mrs Chrysoulla Heisler and Mrs Eva Drummond with an honorary plaque for appreciation of their long-standing voluntary

contribution and service to the members of the Community.

The event concluded with musical presentation by the "Meraki Trio"; Johana Psaltis (vocals), Katerina Stevens (violin) and Demeter Tsounis (piano), performing songs of "love and hope" followed by a light supper.

Adorned with splashes of pink and purple, Olympic Hall was in accordance with the theme of the day and the perfect venue for members of South Australia's Greek Community to celebrate this special day with Women internationally.

From the Editor's Desk

Mineral Resources Minister Tom Koutsantonis and Olympic Dam Minister Kevin Foley rocked the boat last week when they made public comments calling on the State to consider enriching uranium and expanding the industry.

As the official ALP policy opposes the expansion of the nuclear industry, the comments of the two high profile SA politicians sparked quite a bit of discussion in parliament and through the media. Speaking on the issue in State Parliament, Premier Mike Rann said that no companies had expressed an interest in building a nuclear power plant in SA and made clear again his support for ALP policy on nuclear issues.

"I don't believe we'll see a nuclear power station here on my watch. I don't believe we'll see a uranium enrichment plant here on my watch", he said.

Liberal politicians entered the debate, with the Leader of the Opposition Ms Isobel Redmond saying she was keen for discussion on the issues of nuclear industry expansion.

The Greek Tribune believes that any discussion on the future of nuclear energy in Australia, must take into consideration the consequences of the nuclear catastrophe in Japan, which will have a deadly effect on many generations to come, not only in that region but perhaps across the globe.

An argument used by some is that, due to the climate change, in the not too distant future Australia will need nuclear power to supply most of its electricity. But if this means future generations of Australians will have to live with the nightmare of a deadly event of such catastrophic proportions, its time we start looking more seriously into alternative energy sources, such as solar and wind.

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Community Life



Local dancers performing at the celebration for the 63rd anniversary since the unification of the Dodecanese with Greece

able from festivalhellenika@hotmail.com, the participating dancing groups or call George Apostolou on 0417 844 140.

An interesting talk and book presentation, titled "Greek Cinema Across Australia Behind the Scenes", in the Greek language, will take place on Sunday 3 April, 4pm at the Pan Macedonian Centre, 94 Henley Beach Rd, Mile End. The book will be presented by the writer, Peter Yannoudis of Melbourne who created and led the Greek film industry in Australia in the post-World War II period. The book, which is in Greek and English, celebrates Peter Yiannoudes' 50 years in the Australian cinema industry, entertaining the Greek-Australian community. It details his work in Greece, Cyprus, Australia and New Zealand to promote Greek Cinema as an important aspect in the life of Greek migrants, especially during

the period, when the chain migration movement from Greece and Cyprus to Australia reached its highest point. Admission is free.

The Panrhodian Society of SA along with the rest of the island communities from the Dodecanese region, held a successful Dinner Dance on Saturday 19 March, to celebrate the 63rd anniversary since the unification of the 12 islands with the Greek mainland took place. Amongst hundreds of other guests at the Colossus Hall were the Lieutenant Governor and SAMEAC Chairman, Hieu Van Le, Federal Member for Hindmarsh, Steve Georganas and West Torrens Mayor, John Trainer. The President of the association John Giorgatzis welcomed those present and spoke on the significance of the day. Ms Barbara Diakos presented a speech in English. The evening included the screen-

ing of a short film on Para Olympic Games, Greek singing by Steve Kakoullis and dancing by the Dodecanese association's own dance group.

Hundreds of Hellenes from across Adelaide joined The Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia for celebrations of Greek Independence Day on Sunday 27th of March 2011 at 11am. Official guests, parishioners (from the Community's four churches) and students alike gathered at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel in Franklin Street to attend the Great Doxology, conducted by Assistant Bishop of Trimitthoudos Christodoulos. Amongst the official guests were, the President of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA Mr Vassilis Eloveris, Mr Hieu Van Le, Lieutenant Governor of SA and Chair of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission, The Hon Tom Koutsantonis, Minister for Mineral Resources, Trade, Correctional Services, Mr Mark Goldsworthy MP, representing the Leader of the Opposition Mrs Isobel Redmond, Councillor Houssam Abiad representing the Lord Mayor of Adelaide Mr Stephen Yarwood and Mr Theo Maras, President of the Federation of the Greek Orthodox Communities of Australia. The memorial service and wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial of the Cathedral, was followed by performance and music by students of the Greek Language Schools program, held at St Mary's College Performing Arts Centre. This part of the celebrations was attended by the Greek Consul to South Australia Mr Christos Maniakis-Grivas.

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The Greek Orthodox Community of SA celebrated the National Day of Greece (25th March) at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel. Amongst hundreds of community members at a wreath laying ceremony, were, Minister Tom Koutsantonis, representing Premier Mike Rann, Lieutenant Governor and SAMEAC Chairman Hieu Van Le, Mark Goldsworthy MP, representing the Leader of the Opposition Mrs Isobel Redmond and Councillor Houssam Abiad representing the Lord Mayor of Adelaide Mr Stephen Yarwood (more in the "Community Life column page 8)



Attending a service for the National Day of Greece at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel, were Minister Tom Koutsantonis, David Ridgeway MLC, the President of the GOCSA Vasily and Mrs Sophia Elovaris and Theo Maras, President of FGOCA



The 63rd anniversary of the unification of the Dodecanese (12 islands) with Greece was celebrated on 19 March at the "Kolossos" Hall. In the photo are, Barbara Diakos, Victoria Kakoullis, the President Mr Georgatzis and Steve Kakoullis. (more in the "Community Life column page 8)



Federal Member for Hindmarsh Steve Georganas, Lieutenant Governor and SAMEAC Chairman Hieu Van Le and Mayor of West Torrens John Trainer attended the 63rd anniversary of the unification of the Dodecanese with Greece

News from Greece

Greek archaeologists discover long-lost marble friezes in Acropolis



Athens - Greek archaeologists on Friday said they had discovered five long-lost friezes from the 2,500-year-old Parthenon in the walls of the ancient Acropolis.

The friezes, which had been taken away to be used as building materials for the ancient Acropolis which at one point served as a fortress, were located along its southern walls by a weather balloon camera, officials at the Culture Ministry said.

The fragments were detected by air during a vertical scan of the walls of the Acropolis by the Culture Ministry, where a total of 2,250 photographs were taken.

The Parthenon has suffered extensive damage over the centuries and archaeologists believed many of the friezes adorning the southern part of the temple were destroyed after it was bombed during a 17th century Venetian siege of Ottoman-held Athens or taken.

Most of the interior walls of the temple, apart from the west end, were destroyed during the bombing, bringing many of the friezes and metopes down with them.

In the early 19th century, British diplomat Lord Elgin tore down a large number of the remaining friezes from the Parthenon and shipped them to Britain.

The stolen artifacts were sold to the British Museum, which has since refused to relinquish the sculptures, insisting the transaction was legal. The sculptures include depictions of religious and mythological scenes.

Greece remains steadfast in its demand for the permanent return of the Parthenon Marbles to the new museum in Athens but the British government and museum has refused, arguing that the marbles are more accessible to visitors in London.

At a cost of 120 million euros (160 million dollars), the new museum is the Greek government's key argument for the return of the Parthenon, or Elgin, marbles from Britain.

Concerns about Turkey's nuclear plans

Nicosia, Mar 27 (CNA)--- President of the Republic of Cyprus Demetris Christofias has called on the Turkish leadership to realize that seismological areas are not suitable for constructing nuclear plants.

Speaking at an event organized on Saturday at the Presidential Palace to celebrate the "Earth Hour", President Christofias stressed that Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan must get the message "that seismologically active areas are not suitable for the construction of a nuclear plant".

Referring to Ankara's plans to construct a nuclear plant in Akkuyu in the Turkish southern province of Mersin, President said that Cyprus' positions were presented by him at the European Council in Brussels, adding that Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou as well as other EU Prime Ministers and Presidents also expressed their concerns on this issue.

The President also spoke about the Cypriot government's environmental policy, referring to the projects undertaken for waste reduction and for promoting recycling, as well as the actions to address climate changes. He also referred to the development of renewable energy sources. President Christofias pointed out that "the development of renewable energy sources in Cyprus is on a very good track".

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January 1st was a great way to start the year with paid maternity/parental leave coming into effect for Australian workers. Elated and with a sigh of relief we cried out 'At long last, our struggle for this reform has finally been realised in legislation'.....

It's taken decades and generations of active campaigning and sacrifice by our mothers, fathers, grand mothers and grand fathers for a government to recognise and acknowledge that Australian working women and families should not be penalised or financially restricted for choosing to have a child. We acknowledge and thank our brothers, husbands and fathers who actively supported the campaign, as they were impacted by carrying the family 'burden' for generations. All Australians have suffered for decades due to inaction on this matter and the Trade Union's commitment and endurance, together with workers, feminists and families continued the campaign, generation upon generation, to achieve this success! It was equally momentous for Australians to have received the



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2011 Women celebrate 100th Anniversary!

The theme for IWD 2011 is: *Equal access to education, training and science and technology: Pathway to decent work for women*

announcement about this legislation in 2010 by Julia Gillard, our country's first former female Deputy Prime Minister and now Prime Minister. These are historical moments to have occurred in such a short time, considering the decades of struggles for a woman to reach this height of achievement. Electing a female Prime Minister is evidence that Australia has evolved and entered a new phase as our nation of voters acknowledge and embrace change for a fairer and just Australia. We're experiencing political generational change and social and economic policy reforms are reflected in these momentous and historical achievements. 2011 marks the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day and the day was commemorated for the first time in 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. Since this time, events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. In Adelaide celebrations were held throughout the month of March including the UN Women's breakfast hosted by Senator Penny Wong, lunches, dinners, movie nights and awards nights with guest speakers at every event. IWD is also traditionally celebrated with a march and this year we convened at the steps of Parliament House and marched to the State Library lawns. The theme was 100 Years of Activism and was hosted by the Office for Women, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance and the IWD Collective. Our spruiking during the march included calling for Equal Pay for women.

In the Riverland, IWD was celebrated with a UN Australia Dinner - Celebrating 100 years: Looking Back & Moving forward held by the Zonta Club. Port Lincoln held a brunch, women of achievement awards and a march and Jamestown celebrated with a breakfast. In Greece, events and a march were organised by PAME Trade union confederation and were held in Pedion tou areos park in the centre of Athens and Syntagma Square, Athens. The theme was 100 Years of Women's Social Activism in Greece. The event was a good opportunity to remind us that women are suffering even more during this time of crisis and unemployment than men. The march reinforced women's empowerment and struggles and we were pleased that it was held without incident. Similarly to Australia, women in Greece earn less than men and more women than men find themselves employed in low-

income jobs. Unemployment statistics and casual employment work continue to rise for women and equal gender representation on ASX listed boards has barely reached 10%. Although we must celebrate and acknowledge the struggles of women before us, statistically, women's struggles for equality in the workplace and equal pay have still not been achieved; domestic violence and violence against women continues to rise; poverty amongst women and children is greater now than it has ever been and access to clean water, education and medicine is almost impossible for many women in politically or economically collapsed countries. As a nation and as global citizens, we have many challenges ahead of us and only if we are united, will we be able to assist and support each other; share the pain and celebrate our success in camaraderie. I wish every woman a great International Women's Day and I call on us all to help our sisters in Australia, Greece and across the world to improve their life and create opportunities for future generations of girls and women.

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